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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, America was suddenly and brutally attacked by terrorists;
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WHEREAS, these terrorists hijacked and destroyed four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third into the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia, and the fourth into a field in Somerset County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, thousands of innocent Americans were killed and injured as a result of these attacks, including the passengers and crew of the four aircraft, workers in the World Trade Center and in the Pentagon, police officers, firefighters, paramedics and bystanders; and

WHEREAS, these cowardly acts were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States, and, by targeting symbols of American strength and success, clearly were intended to intimidate our nation and weaken its resolve; and

WHEREAS, these horrific events have affected all Americans. It is important that we carry on with the regular activities of our lives. Terrorism cannot be allowed to break the spirit of the American people; and

WHEREAS, our nation's response to this terrorism makes it important to highlight the City of Alexandria's commitment to providing equality and justice to persons of all races and nationalities; and

WHEREAS, among the protections of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the City's own human rights ordinance are the banning of discrimination based on a person's race, color, national origin or religion; and

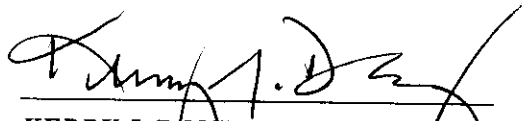
WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is a diverse community that includes residents who come from many different countries, and our diversity is a matter of pride for all Alexandrians; and

WHEREAS, the City Council encourages all City residents to treat persons of all ethnic and religious backgrounds with respect and dignity; and

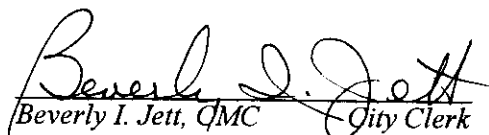
WHEREAS, the City will not tolerate acts of hatred against our ethnic and religious minorities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Alexandria condemn the cowardly and deadly actions of terrorism on September 11; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Alexandria urge all Alexandrians to treat each other with respect and dignity, and to work together to ensure that everyone in Alexandria is able to participate freely in all of the day to day activities that are available to those who live in, work in, or visit our City.


KERRY J. DONLEY, MAYOR
On behalf of the City Council of
Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:


Beverly I. Jett, QMC City Clerk